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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION OF VICTOR DANENZA AKA DANEN

REF: (A) DEPARTMENT (PPT/LS) TELEX OF SEPT. 20, (B)

PARIS 26354

1. CONOFF ATTENDED PASSPORT HEARING BEFORE CHAMBRE D'ACCUSATION SEPTEMBER 20. AVOCAT GENERAL MADE OPENING STATEMENT THAT FRENCH GOVT COULD NOT CHALLENGE AUTHORITY OF US GOVT TO REVOKE ITS PASSPORTS. DANENZA PASSPORTS HAVING BEEN REVOKED, IT WAS ONLY NORMAL THAT US GOVT SHOULD WISH TO RECOVER DOCUMENT FOR PHYSICAL CANCELLATION. AVOCAT GENERAL INDICATED THAT HE REGARDED QUESTION OF CANCELLATION AS SOMEWHAT ACADEMIC IN VIEW OF US REVOCATION. HE SAW NO REASON, HOWEVER, NOT TO ACCEDE TO US REQUEST.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY PRESIDENT OF CHAMBRE, CONOFF AFFIRMED US GOVT MAINTAINED REQUEST FOR PASSPORTS AND EXPLAINED UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE OF TWO DANENZA PASSPORTS BY SAYING DANENZA HAD APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED REPLACEMENT PASSPORT FOR LOST PASSPORT AND THEN HAD PRESUMABLY FOUND AND RETAINED LOST PASSPORT. THIS WAS CORROBORATED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH DANENZA.

3. DEFENSE ATTORNEY ARGUED STRONGLY AGAINST SURRENDER OF PASSPORTS TO US GOVT ON GROUNDS THAT HIS CLIENT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUFFERING HARDSHIP BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO TRAVEL FOR

BUSINESS PURPOSES DURING PROLONGED EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AND THAT PASSPORTS SHOULD NOT BE RETURNED TO US GOVT WHILE EXTRADITION DECISION PENDING (HEARING SET FOR NOVEMBER 22). DEFENSE ATTORNEY MADE RATHER EMOTIONAL PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF CLIENT WHICH RESULTED IN REPETITIVE EXCHANGE BETWEEN AVOCAT GENERAL AND ATTORNEY. AT CONCLUSION OF HEARING, PRESIDENT SAID ALL ARGUMENTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND CHAMBRE'S DECISION ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 11.

4. PER REFERENCE A, EMBASSY HAS PREPARED NEW REVOCATION LETTER, SUPERSEDING FIRST LETTER, ENCLOSING ARREST WARRANT AND PASSPORT REGULATIONS AND GIVING DANENZA 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF RECEIPT OF NEW LETTER TO REQUEST HEARING. COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.
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